

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice or admission and add new claims 10-22 as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all previous versions and listings of claims.

1.-9. (canceled).

10. (new) An outboard motor comprising:

an engine;

a propeller drivable by the engine;

a drive shaft for transmitting a driving force from the engine to the propeller;

a casing assembly supporting the engine and rotatably supporting and accommodating the drive shaft; and

a cover structure defining at least part of an engine space accommodating therein the engine, the cover structure having a resin cover body comprised of at least first and second cover members detachably connected to one another, and a frame assembly integrally connected to an inner surface of the first cover member for reinforcement thereof, the first cover member having an opened flange receiving a seal of the second cover member, and the frame assembly extending along a contour of the opened flange.

11. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 10; wherein the first cover member of the resin cover body has holding portions connecting the frame assembly to the inner surface of the first cover member.

12. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 10; wherein the frame assembly of the resin cover body comprises a plurality of frame members forming a flange at a lower periphery of the engine space.

13. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 10; wherein the resin frame assembly comprises a plurality of lateral frame members and a plurality of vertical frame members connecting the lateral frame members together, the lateral frame members being disposed at upper and lower portions of the inner surfaces of the resin cover body and extending between rearward and forward ends of the inner surfaces of the resin cover body.

14. (new) An outboard motor comprising:
an engine;
a propeller drivable by the engine;
a drive shaft for transmitting a driving force from the engine to the propeller;
means defining a casing for supporting the engine and for rotatably supporting and accommodating the drive shaft; and

a cover defining a part of an engine space for accommodating therein the engine, the cover having a cover body defining a portion of the engine space and a resin frame assembly integrally connected to inner surfaces of the cover body, the cover body having a plurality of drain passages extending from an interior of the cover body to an exterior thereof, each of the drain passages having an inlet opening into the interior of the cover body and an outlet communicating with the exterior of the cover body, the inlets being spaced-apart and generally parallel to the outlets.

15. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 14; wherein the cover body is made of a resin material and has frame members integrally connected to the inner surface of the cover body, the drain passages being formed in hollow portions of the frame members.

16. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 14; further comprising an engine cover for covering an upper part of the engine; and wherein the cover body comprises an undercover disposed below the engine cover.

17. (new) An outboard motor comprising:
an engine;
a propeller drivable by the engine;

a drive shaft for transmitting a driving force from the engine to the propeller;

means defining a casing for supporting the engine and for rotatably supporting and accommodating the drive shaft;

a mounting case for supporting a bottom portion of the engine; and

a cover defining at least part of an engine space for accommodating therein the engine, the cover having a resin cover body and a resin frame assembly integrally connected to inner surfaces of the resin cover body, the resin frame assembly having a plurality of frame members engageable with a peripheral portion of the mounting case.

18. (new) In an outboard motor having an engine, a cover structure for covering the engine, the cover structure comprising:

a mounting case for supporting the engine, the mounting case having a flange portion and a seal member disposed on the flange portion;

a first cover member for covering an upper portion of the engine;

a second cover member connected to the first cover member for covering the mounting case and a lower portion of the engine; and

a plurality of reinforcing frame members connected to inner surfaces of the second cover member for reinforcing the second cover member, at least one of the reinforcing frame members having a groove for receiving therein at least a portion of the mounting case seal member.

19. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 18; wherein the second cover member has a pair of cover portions detachably connected together and each having a plurality of the reinforcing frame members connected to inner surfaces thereof.

20. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 19; wherein the at least one of the reinforcing frame members comprises two reinforcing frame members each corresponding to one of the reinforcing frame members of each of the pair of cover portions, the two reinforcing frame members jointly forming the groove for receiving the mounting case seal member.

21. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 18; wherein the second cover member and the reinforcing frame members are made of a resin material.

22. (new) An outboard motor according to claim 18; wherein the first cover member, the second cover member, and the reinforcing frame members are made of a resin material.